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SUBJECT: DEMIREL AND CAGLAYANGIL COMMENT ON THE SISMIK

1. PRIMIN DEMIREL AND FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL HAVE MADE  
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TURKISH SEISMIC RESEARCH SHIP SISMIK.

2. DEMIREL, FOLLOWING HIS WEEKLY MEETING WITH PRES. KORUTURK, TOLD REPORTERS JULY 30 THAT "WE HOLD SECRET BARGAINING WITH NO ONE. WE SAID OPENLY THAT THE HORA (SISMIK) WOULD SAIL INTO THE AEGEAN AND IT DID...THE HORA WILL PROSEPT WHEREEVER WE DEEM FIT, EXCLUDING GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS." AT THE RALLY IN KUTAHYA AUGUST 1, DEMIREL STATED: "THE TURKISH NATION IS PEACE-LOVING. WE DO NOT TOUCH THOSE WHO DO NOT TOUCH US. BUT WHOEVER FIRES A BULLET AT THE SHIP WILL GET TEN IN RETURN\*"

3. CAGLAYANGIL, IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE WEEKLY YANKI NEWS MAGAZINE AUGUST 2, STATED THAT ALTHOUGH NATO MEMBERS HAD EXPRESSED THEIR "ANXIETY" ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INCIDENT OCCURRING BECAUSE OF THE SISMIK, "NO QUESTION OF INTERVENTION" AROSE. CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THE "PROSPECTING PHASE" OF THE SISMIK'S ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE FOR SIX WEEKS "EVERYWHERE OUTSIDE OF GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS". ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY NEGOTIATIONS OR AGREEMENTS WITH ATHENS, CAGLAYANGIL REPLIED: "NO, WHILE THE HORA WAS BEING PREPARED, WE GAVE INFORMATION ON OUR INTENTIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES AND ALSO TO THE AMBASSADOR OF GREECE. WE STATED THAT WE WOULD CARRY ON SEISMIC RESEARCH OUTSIDE OF GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS. WE SAID THAT OUR INTENTION WAS NEITHER THREAT NOR PROVOCATION...THERE IS NEITHER AN AGREEMENT NOR THE POSSIBILITY OF ONE ASIDE FROM THIS."

4. THE SISMIK CONTINUES TO EXCITE PRESS SPECULATION JULY 31 HURRIYET REPORTED THAT GREEK NAVAL PATROLS HAD BEEN INCREASED IN THE REGION NEAR THE SISMIK AND THAT GREEK AIRCRAFT WERE FLYING "CONSTANTLY" IN THE AREA. THE SAME DAY, TERCUMAN REPORTED THAT THE SISMIK WAS CONDUCTING SURVEYS NEAR THE GREEK ISLAND OF THASSOS, ESCORTED BY TURKISH DESTROYERS.  
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